



*Building Specially Adapted
Homes For Our Returning
Disabled Veterans*

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George Washington - 1787

March 15, 2006

Dear Hartford Area Business Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to Homes for Our Troops, Inc. and to give you the advanced notice that we are working in your area on two home building projects for two local war heroes. The first project is for Sgt Jared Luce (USMCR) of Coventry, CT, and our second home building project is for Cpl Brian Johnston (USMC), who would like to settle in Tolland, CT.

We Need Your Help!!

We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to build new homes, or adapt existing homes for handicap accessibility for our most severely wounded service members returning from the War on Terror. The services we provide are done at no cost to the veterans we serve. One vital step we take in helping these veterans is to reach out to local contractors, tradesmen and women, building supply houses, and retailers in the home building-related industries to obtain donations of materials, labor and/or assistance in our home building efforts. We also reach out to the media to raise the awareness of our mission and to recognize the efforts of those who help us.

Who We Are Helping in Your Community:

Sgt. Jared Luce, USMCR, of the 6th Motor Transport Battalion in Hartford, was severely wounded February 9, 2005, when a blast from an improvised explosive device (IED) blew up the HMMWV he was driving in a convoy headed towards Hit, Iraq. As a result of that attack, Sgt Luce lost both of his legs and sustained severe injuries to his left hand. Although Sgt. Luce's recovery continues, he and his wife and their three children recently purchased land in Coventry, Connecticut and we will be building a handicap-accessible home for them.

Cpl. Brian Johnston, USMC, from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 1st Marine Division, was wounded November 8, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq, when the Amphibious Assault Vehicle he was riding in was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED). Brian lost his right leg and right arm in that attack. Brian would like to settle in the Tolland/Ellington, Connecticut area in order to be near family and friends. We are presently looking for land for Brian and once a suitable lot is found, we will build him a home.

How You Can Help:

We need your help by donating needed funds, materials and/or labor to these projects. We would also appreciate your reaching out to your colleagues to join you in providing assistance. To find out what materials and services are needed for these projects, and to find out how you can become part of this mission to help, please call us today at 508-823-3300 or toll free at 1-866-7Troops, or visit our web site at www.homesforourtroops.org

We will be holding a press conference in April to announce these projects to the citizens of Connecticut. If you would like to commit to these projects prior to the press conference, we will be able to recognize those commitments during the conference.

Please contact us today and help us provide Sgt. Luce and his family, and Cpl Johnston with homes of their own, because no one deserves the American dream of home ownership more than those who have sacrificed so much to defend it.

Sincerely,

John S. Gonsalves
President & Founder

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In Middleboro, Massachusetts Homes For Our Troops built a home for ARNG SGT Peter Damon and his family. SGT Damon lost both of his arms in Iraq, when a Blackhawk helicopter tire he was working on exploded. More than 59 companies helped us build Sgt Damon's house, and the end result was a beautiful home for SGT Damon and his family.



Sgt Peter Damon and His Family



The house under construction.



With the help of WAAF 107.3 FM, 400 volunteers helped us do thousands of hrs of work in one day!



More than 59 companies contributed to the project.



Even Sgt. Damon's unit, the 126th Avn. Battalion showed up to assist in building his home.



The finished home.

**Homes for Our Troops, Inc. will be building two homes in the Coventry, CT area for two severely wounded Connecticut heroes:
Sgt. Jared Luce USMCR and Cpl. Brian Johnston USMC.**

If you are willing to help these Connecticut heroes, like the people of Southeastern, Massachusetts helped their local hero, then please contact us to find out how you can help!

**To sign up to help visit: www.homesforourtroops.org/donate.htm
To see our other projects visit: www.homesforourtroops.org/ourheroes.htm**

Or call:

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